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In re Application of
Paul Dana Gruenbacher et al.
Application No. 10/644,537
Filed: August 20, 2003
Attorney Docket No. 9345

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: DECISION ON PETITION
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This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed July 17, 2008, to revive the above-identified application.

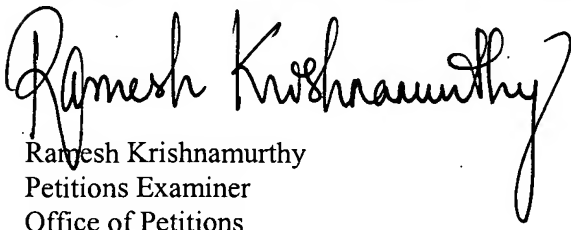
The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned for failure to (a) timely pay the issue and publication fees on or before June 17, 2008, and (b) submit corrected drawings, as required by the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due, mailed March 17, 2008. Accordingly, the date of abandonment of this application is June 18, 2008.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of payment of the issue fee of \$1440.00 and the publication fee of \$300.00, and corrected drawings (2) the petition fee of \$1540.00; and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to JoAnne Burke at (571) 272-4584.

This application is being referred to the Office of Data Management for processing into a patent.


Ramesh Krishnamurthy
Petitions Examiner
Office of Petitions

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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT
ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**Docket Number
9345

First Named Inventor: Dana Paul Gruenbacher

Application No.: 10/644,537

Art. Unit: 1615

Filed: August 20, 2003

Examiner: Sharon E. Kennedy

Title: Self-Inflating Article

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The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to file a timely and proper reply to a notice or action by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The date of abandonment is the day after the expiration date of the period set for reply in the Office notice or action plus any extensions of time actually obtained.

APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION

NOTE: A grantable petition requires the following items:

- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer – required for all utility applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

1. Petition fee

☒ [X] Authorization is given to charge the required fee under 37 CFR 1.17(m), and any additional fees that may be required in connection with submission of this petition, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-2480 in the name of The Procter & Gamble Company.

2. Reply and/or Issue Fee

A. The reply to the last Communication from the Office in the form of transmittal of replacement drawings

- ☐ has been filed previously on _____
☒ [X] is enclosed herewith.

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B. The issue fee(s)

- ☐ has been paid previously on _____
☒ [X] transmittal form is enclosed herewith.

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3. Terminal disclaimer

☒ Since this utility application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.

☐ A terminal disclaimer disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith.

4. Statement. The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. [NOTE: The United States Patent and Trademark Office may require additional information if there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional (MPEP 711.03(c), subsections (II)(C) and(D))].

July 17, 2008
Date

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Signature

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- Enclosures: ☐ Reply
☒ Issue Fee(s) Transmittal Form
☐ Terminal Disclaimer Form
☐ Additional sheets containing statements establishing unintentional delay
☒ Transmittal of Replacement Drawings
☒ Replacement Drawings

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Examiner: KENNEDY, SHARON

GAU: 1615

Inventor: GRUENBACHER, DANA, et al

Classification: 424/401.000

Status: 164 - ABANDONED -- FAILURE TO PAY ISSUE FEE

Title: SELF-INFLATING ARTICLE

Start Date: End Date:

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